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SUBJECT: LONDON AS SITE OF SPRING NAC MINISTERIAL MEETING

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1. DURING COURSE OF WILSON VISIT, UK OFFICIALS STATED THEY COULD NOT RPT NOT AGREE TO OFFER LONDON AS SITE OF SPRING NAC MINISTERIAL MEETING. YOU SHOULD CONVEY THIS INFORMATION TO LUNS, ADDING IF HE ASKS THAT WASHINGTON REMAINS UNAVAILABLE FOR SPRING 1975 MEETING.

2. AS TO ALTERNATIVES, WE SUGGEST THAT LUNS SOUND OUT OTHERS, PERHAPS INCLUDING FRANCE. WHILE WE HAVE NO SPECIAL INSIGHT, IT MAY BE THAT FRENCH WOULD CONSIDER OFFERING PARIS WHERE NO NATO MINISTERIAL MEETING HAS BEEN HELD SINCE 1966.

3. IF FRENCH ARE NOT INCLINED TO OFFER PARIS, THEN GIVEN PROBLEMS INVOLVED WITH OTHER CAPITALS WE SEE NO
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ALTERNATIVE TO ASKING BELGIUM TO SERVE AS HOST.

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